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Council solicits public comment

COLUMBIA – South Carolina's Council on Coastal Futures is seeking public comment on concerns about the state's coastal resources or management program.

"We want to ensure that those with issues and ideas relating to management of coastal resources provide input to this council," said Wes Jones, council chairman

Jones said the council holds a public forum at the beginning of each of its monthly meetings. Interested individuals can contact council members individually or write to the council by letter to Wes Jones at the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management in Charleston. The public can also follow the discussions of the council on DHEC's web site www.scdhec.net or asking to be placed on the council's e-mail list to receive notice of the meetings.

The Council on Coastal Futures is a 19-member panel assembled by the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control to address issues facing coastal South Carolina and to make recommendations for improving coastal management.

Jones said the council has identified three major areas to focus its deliberations. The first area is to look for ways to improve the permitting process. The second focus area is to assist local governments. The third priority is environmental resource management policies such as isolated wetlands, water quality, stormwater runoff and related issues.

A schedule of Council meetings and a list of members and their contact information are attached and can also be found on DHEC's web site for the Council on Coastal Futures www.scdhec.net.

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